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Dear Resident,

Landing Point Applications and Environmental Impact Assessment

You will be aware that the planning application for the Neven Point Wind Farm was submitted in June this year and is currently being considered by Orkney Islands Council (OIC). GreenPower has also been consulting on proposals for a new landing point adjacent to the Eday Pier. I am writing to provide an update on the status of this proposal, and to help clarify the various applications that have been submitted.

The proposal consists of two elements: a permanent rock-filled causeway that would extend 37m from the land, and a temporary barge or floating pontoon that would be attached to the causeway, extending out into deeper water. Because the development has parts above and below the high water mark, several permissions are required:

- Planning consent from OIC for aspects above mean high water springs;
- A works licence from OIC for the works that would take place; and
- A marine construction licence from the Marine Directorate for aspects below mean high water springs.

Due to an unusually high number of recent planning applications across Orkney, OIC has been taking longer than usual to validate planning applications. This meant that the works licence application was validated and posted on the OIC planning portal before the landing point planning application (which was submitted on the 3rd September). However, we are pleased to say that the planning application has now been validated, as has the marine licence application.

We have submitted plans and a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report on the proposed works. Two copies of the planning application and associated documentation are available for inspection at:

- Orkney Library & Archive, 44 Junction Road, Kirkwall, KW15 1EG. Opening times: Monday to Thursday 10am to 6pm, Friday and Saturday 10am to 5pm; and
- Eday Heritage Centre, Eday, Orkney, KW17 2AB by prior arrangement for access if required. Please telephone 07717 817939 if you need assistance with access to the Heritage Centre.

These will be available for a minimum of 30 days, up to and including Saturday 27th December.

All of the materials can be found on our website at: www.greenpowerinternational.com and documentation can also be found on the OIC planning portal at: <https://planningandwarrant.orkney.gov.uk/online-applications/>

One of the intended benefits of the landing point plan is to avoid impact on the terminal and ferry operations, as we recognise how important this is for the island. We also wanted to inform you of our willingness to work in collaboration with OIC as it evaluates the best longer term plan for the Eday pier. If our adjacent causeway can be of use, or can be used to reinforce the existing pier, then we are open to exploring all opportunities.

We welcome feedback on long term uses of the new causeway, as when it is not needed for construction deliveries, it may be useful for other local purposes.

We will also be consulting further on the overall wind farm community benefit package including the proposed energy discount and energy efficiency programme, and potential community uses for the land at Stackald in the new year.

Should you have any questions about the application and associated licence and works applications, please do not hesitate to contact us at nevenpoint@greenpowerinternational.com

Best wishes,

George Baxter
Director of Development